

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image sending apparatus, comprising:
a specifying movie deviceunit which causes a desired movie file to be specified;
a reproduction range specifying unit which specifies a reproduction range of the specified movie file;
an extraction unit which extracts N pieces of static image from the specified movie file based on the reproduction range;
aan animation image set up deviceunit which creates a ~~general purpose~~an animation image file ~~from the specified movie file~~of either animation GIF format or MNG format based on the extracted N pieces of static image; and
a sending device which sends the animation image file.
2. (Original) The image sending apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising a communication device capable of two-way communication with a portable terminal.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (New) An image sending method, comprising:
specifying a desired movie file;
specifying a reproduction range of the desired movie file;
extracting N pieces of static image from the desired movie file based on the reproduction range;
creating an animation image file of either animation GIF format or MNG format based on the extracted N pieces of static image; and
sending the animation image file.

6. (New) The image sending apparatus as defined in claim 5, further comprising a communication device capable of two-way communication with a portable terminal.